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Capt. Tom Johnson

AFRL recognizes Johnson as top Reserve CGO

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ARLINGTON, Va. — Capt. Tom Johnson has been announced as the recipient of the 2002 Air Force Research Laboratory Reserve Company Grade Officer.

Johnson works as a Bioeffects Program Manager for the Air Force Office of Scientific Research. He has been with AFRL since Oct. 2000.

Prior to joining the Air Force Reserve Individual Mobilization Augmentee program in 1994, Johnson served in the Navy and trained in the Navy Nuclear Power Program. Following his separation from the Navy, he attended the University of Illinois, and obtained his master's degree in 1991. He also received a master's degree in Environmental Engineering from Northwestern University.

Former AFOSR Commander Col. Steven Reznick nominated Johnson, noting that he was the unit's first reserve officer to develop, compete for and win funding for a Multi-University Research Initiative.

"I'm flattered and honored to be receiving this award," Johnson said. "There are so many deserving people out there, that I was surprised when I found out that I had been selected."

Johnson credited his supervisor and colleagues for helping him win the award.

"This is all because my supervisor, Dr. Robert Barker, is absolutely fantastic," he said. "Everyone at AFOSR treats me well, and makes it easy to do a good job. I really feel like part of the AFOSR team."

When Johnson isn't managing research with AFOSR, he works as an assistant professor at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. Over 80 percent of the physicians deployed during Desert Storm graduated from this fully accredited military medical school. He has been teaching there for nearly three years. @